

**Alexandria Gazette**  
FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 30, 1906.

### Local Matters.

#### Sun and Tide Table.

Sun rises tomorrow at 6:59 a. m. and sets at 4:33 p. m. High water at 7:54 a. m. and 7:41 p. m.

#### Weather Probabilities.

For this section increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight. Saturday rain and warmer; light to fresh southerly winds.

#### The Late D. Walter Davis.

The funeral of the late D. Walter Davis, who was killed in the wreck on the Southern Railway will take place from the residence of Mr. E. C. Joyce, No. 913 King street, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The deceased was well and favorably known in this city, where he formerly lived. About two years ago he married Miss Edna Joyce, daughter of Mr. E. C. Joyce, local agent of the Washington Southern Railway Company, at whose home Mr. and Mrs. Davis resided for some time, after which they moved to Washington.

Mr. Davis was twenty-nine years of age. He was born in Manassas, and at an early age entered the employ of the Southern Railway Company as a telegraph operator. For several years he was stationed in this city. Later he was transferred to the general office of the company in Washington. His ability and attention to duty won for him promotions in regular order. At the time of his death he held the position of manager of the telegraph division in the Washington office. He was a member in the Tenth Street Baptist Church, of Washington. Mr. Davis was a member of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, and that organization will attend the funeral in a body.

A friend sends the following just tribute to the deceased:

"The death of D. Walter Davis, who lost his life in the Southern Railway collision at Lawyers, Va., on November 29th, the Southern Railway lost a valuable employee in their telegraphic department. He had for the past five years filled various positions until reaching that of manager in the telegraphic department of the general offices at Washington. He was a man of high Christian character, beloved by all with whom he came in contact in all walks of life. His immediate superior officers held him in high esteem for his ability, and especially did they note his efforts to raise to the highest standard his chosen profession and those by whom he was surrounded. He had for several years past been chosen to accompany President Spencer on his annual Thanksgiving trip, and he had thus so endeared himself and proved so efficient that he was on this occasion specially assigned. He leaves a host of friends to sympathize with the broken circle of the bereaved."

#### The Elks.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 758, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, will hold their annual memorial services at the Opera House Sunday night next. The principal speaker of the evening will be Gov. Claude A. Swanson, who is an Elk. The programme will include music by the Naval Gun Factory Band of Washington, and musical selections will be rendered by a male quartet composed of William J. Palmer, F. A. Rebeck, Erich and A. E. Middleton of Washington. Soloists will be sung by Mrs. William Woods, A. E. Middleton and Miss Lillie Cuesoweth. Miss Caroline West will render a recitation and Mr. Charles Bandheim will deliver an address, taking for his subject "Our Memorial Services." Mr. Albert Schlenker will render a trombone solo. An opening prayer will be delivered by Rev. William J. Morton, rector of Christ Church, and benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Father L. F. Kelly, of St. Mary's Church.

Since the organization of the lodge in this city nine members have died—four since the last memorial services, viz.: Daniel Ruben, Thomas F. Spinks, Peyton B. Dabbs and W. A. Moore. A large number of cards of admission have been given out by the members of the lodge but the demand has not been supplied and a large audience is assured. Admission to the hall will be by card only. This is for the comfort of the audience and the number of invitations sent out corresponds with the seating capacity of the hall.

The committee having charge of the services is composed of the following members: J. B. Fitzgerald, chairman; C. O. O'Brien, William B. Smoot, E. C. Dabbs, L. E. Swanson; music, G. O. T. O'Brien, C. B. Marshall, M. B. Harlow, Edward Shinn; hall, J. M. Hill, F. C. Spinks, A. H. Oshert, Thomas A. Fisher; decorations, A. H. Smyth; A. H. Pohl, D. E. Robey, W. W. West; clergy, J. K. M. Norton, W. H. P. Kelly, M. L. Rishell, Charles Bandheim; printing, C. J. Geisendoffer, Lorenzo Wolford, Ferd Bendheim, F. P. Russell.

#### Basketball.

The first game of the season of the basketball team of the Young Men's Club last evening at Schuler's Hall, was well attended. The Alexandrians were defeated by the Shamrocks of Washington by the score of 19 to 4. The line up of the Alexandrians were: Dobson, Tomlin, Byrge, Double, and Gray, while the visiting team was composed of the following: Sullivan, Fane, Repetti, Carroll, and Clark. The points were made as follows: Goals, Dobson, 2; Carroll, 2; Sullivan, 2; Clark, 2. Free throws, Gray, 2; Clark, 1. The officials were Mr. McCormick, of Washington, referee, and Mr. Duffy, umpire.

The Alexandria Athletic Association Basketball Club will play the strong Vespers team of Washington at Schuler's Hall tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock. Alexandria and Vespers are about evenly matched and a good game is promised all who attend. Ladies are cordially invited to attend.

The Fendall Cadets of Washington would like to arrange a game of basketball with any team in Virginia, who average 110 lbs., the game to be played on George Washington's Birthday in Alexandria. Address Captain J. D. Kead, 2807 Olive Ave., N. W., Washington.

#### Property Sales.

Mr. J. W. Green has sold to Mr. J. P. Clucke a lot on the west side of Patrick street between Wythe and Madison. Mr. Henry I. Quinn has sold to Mr. W. K. Harlow a house and lot on the north side of Prince's street, between Patrick and Henry.

### Police Court.

[Justice H. B. Cason presiding.]

The following cases were disposed of this morning: Robert Ashton, colored, arrested by Officer Ferguson charged with stealing a ring from Kate Ford, was dismissed, the complainant failing to appear. Walter Newton, arrested by Officer Young charged with drunken and disorderly conduct, was dismissed with an admonition. William Kelly, arrested by Officer Gill charged with escaping from the work house, was returned to that institution.

Ellen Kemper, arrested by Officer Nicholson for drunken and disorderly conduct, was fined \$5. John Bright, arrested by the same officer on a similar charge, was dismissed.

### Death of Dr. Lee.

While walking home from a banquet at the Masonic Temple in Richmond, last night, Dr. W. A. Lee, a prominent physician of that city, fell dead in the street. He was an adjunct professor of the Medical College of Virginia, where he had lectured for many years. He was unmarried, and was in the sixty-first year of his age. He is survived by two brothers—Richard B. Lee, of Prince William county, and Robert C. Lee, of Richmond, and by three sisters—Mrs. Julia E. Lee, of Washington; Mrs. A. L. Pebles, of Richmond, and Mrs. M. L. Cavalier, of Baltimore. Dr. Lee is well known here where he had lived some time ago. He was a son of the late Col. Richard Bland Lee.

### Public Church.

As heretofore stated Public Church, situated a few miles from Mr. Vernon, next, December 2, after having been improved and in part restored to its condition as a colonial house of worship. Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, will deliver the sermon on the occasion of the reopening. The church is one of the oldest in this part of the country, and has been frequently attended services there. The Daughters of the American Revolution have been actively interested in the movement for the restoration of the building.

### Whereabouts of Johnson and Robinson.

A report is in circulation that the whereabouts of the two negroes, Johnson and Robinson, implicated in the killing of Mr. C. T. Smith in this city several weeks since, is about known and that they could be located within a radius of 50 miles from a Pennsylvania town. It is said here that the city authorities have no means with which to send officers to locate the men, as the murder is a State case.

### Solen Sloop Recovered.

The sloop Jeanette, valued at \$400, the property of R. L. Fryer, of Washington, which was stolen late Tuesday night, was recovered yesterday afternoon by the Washington harbor police. The craft was grounded near Jones Point below this city. The lockers had been broken open and rifled, the curtains torn down, and the cushions torn into shreds.

### Married in Rockville.

Friends of Mr. A. M. Dawson in this city today received a telegram from that gentleman dated Rockville, Md., stating that he was married in that town yesterday evening. Mr. Dawson failed to give the name of the bride and stated that he would return here alone. His friends will give him a warm welcome when he returns to Alexandria.

### Alleged Swindler.

D. W. Wade, who claimed to hail from Alexandria, is accused of swindling the firm of James Perley & Sons, of Charlottesville, out of \$250 last Saturday by a forged check. Wade left the city and is still at large. The Charlottesville police are on the lookout for the alleged swindler, but have learned nothing of his whereabouts.

### St. Andrew's Day.

St. Andrew's Day was observed at Grace Church today. Holy communion services were held at 7 a. m., and service of intercession for the three Alexandria branches of the Woman's Auxiliary at 4 p. m. Services and an address on St. Andrew, especially for the Brotherhood, will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

### Football.

Two football games were played in this city yesterday, the Junior Alexandria Athletic Club being the winner of both contests over their Washington opponents. In the morning the local players defeated the Bloomsdale team by the score of 25 to 0, and in the afternoon the Twining School team was defeated by a score of 15 to 0.

### Social.

An enjoyable social was held by the Council of Jewish women at the Synagogue on north Washington street, Tuesday evening last. Rabbi Stern of Washington attended and gave a very interesting lecture on Jewish history. As a fitting climax to the proceedings a delicious prepared luncheon was served in the vestry room.

### Open Meeting.

An open meeting of Perseverance Text of Rechabites was held at their hall on south Fairfax street last night. There was a good attendance and the proceedings were interesting. An address was delivered by Mrs. Amy C. Weech, of this city. Several visitors from Washington also made speeches.

### Gas.

From tomorrow the price of gas in this city, under a recent ordinance passed by the City Council, will be \$1.30 per thousand feet with a discount of 20 cents per thousand for prompt payment. This makes the price virtually \$1.10 per thousand feet.

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### Personal.

Mr. Edward Wheatley is a guest of relatives in Fredericksburg. The Senior Euchre Club which met last week at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Under, organized for the season and will hold their first meeting on December 5. Miss Harriett Graham, of Fairfax county, and Mr. Samuel Beckley, of Abingdon, N. J., were quietly married on Wednesday last at the residence of Dr. S. B. Moore, on Prince street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Rowe, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Koenigsmeyer, who were married at Delaplane on Wednesday evening and who were on the unfortunate Southern train which was wrecked at Lawyers early yesterday morning, returned to this city yesterday, having abandoned their wedding trip. Both were severely shaken up in the accident but neither was injured.

Miss Lucie R. Turner and Mr. Harvey McDonald were quietly married at the parsonage of Grace Church, Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. Edgar Carpenter. The other attendants were Miss Grace Mitchell and Mr. Tobias Javine. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. Later the bride and groom left for a Southern tour. They will make their home at 424 south Washington street.

Mr. Charles A. Rainey and Miss Cora V. Faulkner were married Wednesday night at 8:30 p. m., at Grace Church rectory by Rev. Edgar Carpenter.

Mr. T. W. Foster, of South Carolina, and Mrs. Mary A. Jones, of this city, were married Saturday, November 24th, at the parsonage of St. Gregory's Church, Baltimore, by Rev. Philip J. Walsh. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. Robt. L. Hyde, 1291 Fulton avenue, a sister of the bride. They will reside at 1001 Gibbon street, this city.

The Thursday Night Assembly gave a very pleasant dance at McBurney's Hall last night. A number of Washingtonians were in attendance.

### Escapes from the Work House.

Among the cases before Justice Cason in the Police Court this morning was that of a white man who was charged with escaping from the work house. This species of offense has been going on for many years from the fact that, under present conditions, it is difficult to compel prisoners to remain on the premises and perform labor. How this can be remedied is hard to determine. There are many cases before the Police Court where offenders might be sent to the work house if they could be held there and compelled to work in the fields or in other capacities.

### LOCAL BREKIVITIES

Thence roller skating rink, was opened at Armory Hall, yesterday afternoon. A large crowd was in attendance.

During the month the clerk of the Common Council has recorded 43 marriages and issued 30 marriage licenses—19 to white and 11 to colored persons. P. A. Shecker's sacred cantata, "The Fatherhood of God," was very well rendered at St. Paul's Church last night by the choir, assisted by Mr. Kenneth Ogden.

Oysters fried, stewed or raw. Dining room open on Sunday during winter season. C. H. Zimmerman, Market Space, 501 1/2 St.

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### Effect on J. P. Morgan.

J. Pierpont Morgan, with whom the late Samuel Spencer had been closely associated in business for many years, was just entering Grace Church, New York, to attend a special service, when a reporter brought to him the first word he had of the Thanksgiving Day horror on the Southern. "Have you heard of the death of President Spencer?" the reporter asked. Mr. Morgan turned deathly pale. "What, Sam Spencer?" he almost shouted. "My God, man, is Sam Spencer dead?" The reporter showed him a copy of an extra containing the first bulletins that had come from Virginia. He trembled until his limbs gave way. Several friends thinking he was about to collapse, ran to him. "This is a terrible shock," Mr. Morgan said, when he had somewhat recovered himself. Then he burst into tears, sobbing aloud. "I can't say anything now," he added. "I was never so terribly shocked in my life." Friends helped the great financier to a carriage and he was driven home.

No one in France was so surprised at the death of Miss Theodora Shonts of an engagement to the Duc de Chaulnes et de Piquigny as was the Duc himself. He thought he was engaged to her and believed the marriage arrangements had been completed.

### OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAILS

Northern mails, week days, close at 7:10, 8:55 and 11:00 a. m., and 1:35, 3:00, 4:15 and 10:15 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m., 12:00, 4:30 and 8:30 p. m. On Sundays Northern mails close at 9:00 a. m., 2:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Southern mails via Charlottesville close at 7:10 and 10:30 a. m., and 1:35, 3:30 and 10:15 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 2:30 and 4:30 p. m. Southern mails, via Richmond, close at 9:45 a. m., and 3:00, 6:00 and 10:15 p. m. Open at 8 a. m. and 1 and 4 p. m. Mails Division mails close at 7:10 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Open at 12:00 p. m. Alexandria and Round Hill mails close at 7:30 a. m., 1:00 and 4:00 p. m. Open at 9:00 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Chesapeake and Ohio mails close at 1:35 p. m. and 10:15 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Washington mails close at 7:10, 8:55 and 11:00 a. m., and 1:35, 3:00, 4:15 and 10:15 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m., 12:00 and 4:30 p. m. Office Hours—Open at 8:00 a. m. Close at 6:00 p. m. Sunday Hours—Open at 9:00 a. m. Close at 10:00 a. m.

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